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SOME NOTES ON THE EARLY STARK FAMILIES
IN VERNON TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON
COUNTY, INDIANA

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INTRODUCTION.

In presenting this history of the Stark families, I must first of all acknowledge the help I have received from the relationship of many of the Stark relatives who have helped to make the collection of material concerning the family.

I do not claim that this work is either perfect or complete. What is here presented is only what by diligent effort I have been able to gather from the past. While very much research work has been done, I leave this study and writing in your hands for perusal.

STARK FAMILY BACKGROUND.

The Stark families do not descend from General John Stark of New Hampshire and Bennington fame of our family tree. Mr. Foward P. Moore of New York City has written a complete genealogy of the General John Stark family that shows this. The Stark families of which I write descend from a still older immigrant family. It appears that the Vernon Township Stark families descend from either Aaron Stark who settled in Groton, Connecticut, as early as 1653, or from James Stark of Stafford County, Virginia, who came from Scotland and who died in Stafford County, Virginia in 1754.

Aaron Stark first settler of that name died in what is now Groton, Connecticut, in 1685. The origin of the Stark family in this country has not been definitely settled. Tradition in the Groton branch of the family makes them of Scotch ancestry. In Scotland the family name is an old one. Aaron Stark fought in the Pequot War. Aaron Stark's son, William Stark, was instrumental in organizing the First Baptist Church in Connecticut, in 1705, and the first meeting was held in William Stark's house. The Stark Family Association, North Plain, Connecticut, has published a copy of the early history of the Aaron Stark family. This association meets once a year and publishes a yearly bulletin of Stark families and relation.

I will give you a brief history of the early Starks from whom most of the Stark folks in southern Indiana have descended. As early as 1784, six Stark brothers had settled on Porman's Creek in Nelson County, Kentucky. These men were: (1) Jonathan Stark with wife Margaret; (2) Christopher Stark with wife Martha Vineyard; (3) James Stark with wife Mary Howell; (4) Daniel Stark with wife Elizabeth Wells; (5) Joseph Stark with wife Hannah; and (6) John Stark. These men were in Washington County, Pennsylvania during the Revolution.

Jonathan was a Baptist preacher. Christopher (my great, great grandfather). James and Daniel served in the Washington County (Pa.) militia. These brothers later settled in Shelby and Perry Counties, Kentucky. We know that old Christopher Stark and old Daniel Stark were in Virginia as early as 1775, for their names appear on Virginia Militia Roll of soldiers paid off at Romney. With them served Stephen Vineyard. Some genealogists claim that the Vineyard family came directly to Virginia from England. One Jonathan Stark and wife Mary, who lived in Clay County, Indiana, in 1850, stated he was 77 years old and was born in Virginia. Hence this Jonathan was born in Virginia in 1773.

A land grant of 5000 acres was received by Bolling Stark in Jefferson County, Kentucky, in 1783. Bolling Stark was a native of Prince William County, Virginia. Jonathan, Joseph, James, Daniel, Christopher, and John owned large tracts near each other in Kentucky. It appears to me that these men may stem from the Virginia Starks.

Jonathan, Christopher, James, Daniel and Joseph all died in Kentucky, and none of them left a will. From the estate settlements and from the marriage bonds of their children, it is found to distinguish among their respective sets of children fairly well. There were many intermarriages among the children (cousin marriages) and this has caused some difficulty since no distinction is made between sons and sons-in-law in the estate settlements of the different families.

The youngest brother, John Stark, later moved with the younger generation into Scott County, Indiana, and left a will naming his 8 children. Hereafter, in my writing, when referring to one of the above brothers who came to Kentucky, I shall designate them as "old" Christopher Stark, "old" James Stark, etc.

There was an Ashel Stark with wife Sarah and nine children who settled in Washington County, Indiana, prior to 1821. They came from Cicero, Onondago County, New York. They were not closely related to the early Kentucky branches, although I think they stem from the early Aaron Stark in Groton, Connecticut. Ashel Stark died in Washington County, Indiana, in 1821, and left a will. His older children were married before coming to this county. The nine children

ren were: (1) Samuel Stark; (2) Archibald Stark; (3) Christopher Stark; (4) John Stark; who was declared insane on April 21, 1827; (5) William Stark; (6) Mary (Stark) Brezzo; (7) Sarah (Stark) Graves; (8) Desire Stark, who married Nathan Howe in Washington County, Indiana, on May 19, 1824; and (9) Asa Stark. You will need to distinguish between the records of this family and the other Stark families which follow.

Some of the Stark families who entered land from the United States Government were:

Elisha Stark, March 4, 1819, 160 acres in section 23, township 2 north, range 2 east.

Absalom Stark, June 30, 1829, 40 acres in section 22, same township and range. Also October 9, 1832, 80 acres.

Vineyard Stark, January 2, 1835, 40 acres in section 15, same township and range.

Pleasant Stark, February 13, 1836, 80 acres in section 20, township 2 north, range 2 east.

Jacob Stark, Sr., 160 acres in section 23, and seized in his lifetime other lands of Jeffersonville, Indiana, before Washington County was formed. The above were all in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana.

NOTES ON JACOB STARK, SR. OF EARLY WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Jacob Stark, Sr., son of "old" James Stark, married Margaret Stark, daughter of "old" Joseph Stark, in Shelby County, Kentucky, on December 22, 1794. He first settled in Elk's Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky, and his first wife died about 1808. About this time he had removed with other Stark families across the Ohio River into Indiana Territory. Margaret (Stark) Stark may have died in Kentucky, or in Indiana Territory. Jacob Stark then married Anne Robinsen (usually called Nancy) on February 15, 1809, in Clark County, Indiana. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jonathan Stark.

In 1811 Jacob Stark entered 160 acres in Clark County and an additional 160 acres in 1817. I think the first tract was in what later became Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. The second tract was what became Scott County in 1820. In 1823, Jacob Stark and wife Nancy sold the 160 acres in Scott County to Thomas Watkins of Washington County. On October 9, 1824, Jacob Stark and wife Nancy sold 60 acres of the Washington County tract to Michael Waggoner. This left him with the 100 acres in Washington County, in what is now Vernon Township. This remained in his estate until his death on or about December 28, 1828. Jacob operated one of the first mills in Vernon Township on the south fork of Lost River. It is my opinion that Jacob Stark settled in Vernon Township even before Washington County was formed.

Probate Book (1821 - 1830), page 225 at Salem: "On January 2, 1829, Eli Stark and Mahlon Stark applied to administer the estate of Jacob Stark, deceased, since 15 days had elapsed since his death, with Stephen Stark and William Manning as securities."

Probate Will Book (1821 - 1830), page 277 at Salem: "On January 6, 1830, George Bazole was appointed guardian of the following minor heirs of Jacob Stark, deceased: Jacob Stark II, Caleb Stark, Christian Stark." Then in the same record on page 285: "On May 4, 1830, George Bazole was appointed guardian of the following additional heirs of Jacob Stark: Cynthia Stark, Calvin Stark and David Stark. George Bazole married Nancy Stark in Washington County on March 4, 1830." Since George Bazole and Nancy did not figure in the share of the estate, it seems that George Bazole married the widow, Nancy, and became guardian of the minor children, all of whom were Nancy's children with the exception of Caleb. I think it likely that Caleb was the second wife's child, born at the time of Margaret's death, and named for Margaret's brother, Caleb Stark.

Probate Book "B" at page 29 at Salem: "On March 10, 1831, George Bazole was approved by the Court as guardian of (1) Jacob II, (2) Calzy (Calvin), (3) David, (4) Caleb, (5) Christain, and (6) Cynthia.

Probate Book "B" at page 170 at Salem: "On February 15, 1834, on petition of Jacob II, Cynthia, Calvin and David Stark, it was ordered that Eli and Mahlon Stark, the Administrators of the estate of Jacob Stark, deceased, be cited to appear and make settlements on their account. I think it most likely that these three children by second wife, Nancy, had now arrived at adult age and wished to receive their shares of the father's estate. Eli and Mahlon Stark were living in Scott County, although serving as Administrators.

Probate Book "B" at page 220, Salem: "On October 16, 1834, the following additional heirs of Jacob Stark, Sr., deceased, appeared (the first five being non-residents of Indiana, i. e., living in Kentucky or Illinois: (1) Thomas Frazier and wife Ann (formerly Ann Stark, born in 1800). (2) Elizabeth Bennett (she married Joseph Bennett in Kentucky). (3) William Stark (probably the William Stark who married Keziah Kindle in Orange County, Indiana, on March 28, 1825, by Rev. Abraham Stark). (4) Caleb Stark (probably the man who married Rhoda Birdit in Scott County, Indiana, on October 27, 1830, the youngest of second wife's children). (5) Nathan Noland and wife Peggy (formerly Margaret Stark).

Deed Book "K", pages 50 - 52 Salem: "On November 24, 1834, the following heirs sold their interest in the 100-acre farm in Vernon Township as heirs of Jacob Stark, Sr., to Levi Peter Lockhart:

(1) Eli Stark and wife Mary.

Eli Stark married Mary Stark in Clark County, Indiana, on September 21, 1815. I feel almost certain that Mary was one of the older children of Jacob Sr. Eli fits in better as the son of Jonathan Stark, one of the cousins marriage difficulties.

(2) Mahlon Stark and wife Sarah.

Mahlon Stark married Sarah Manning in Washington County on September 12, 1821, by Rev. Abraham Stark.

(3) Jacob Stark II and wife Rebecca.

Jacob Stark II married Rebecca Chastain in Washington County on June 22, 1831.

(4) Elizabeth Bennett.

She was evidently a widow. She married Joseph Bennett back in Kentucky, and I think she remained there.

(5) Barnett Chastain and wife Cynthia.

Barnett Chastain married Cynthia Stark in Washington County on June 10, 1834.

(6) David Stark.

He was not married at this date.

(7) Calvin Stark.

He signed the deed and evidently sold his share at this time.

Deed Book "R", page 177, Salem: "On April 4, 1839, Caleb Stark of Washington County sold his interest as heir of Jacob Stark, Sr. to Eli W. Malott and Hugh McPheters. He was married in Putnam County, Indiana, to Mary Noland on July 20, 1834."

Deed Book "R", page 177, Salem: "On April 4, 1845, Aaron Stark and wife Matilda (Boswell) Stark in Spencer County, Kentucky, sold his interest as a son of Jacob Stark, Sr. to brother Christain Stark."

Deed Book "R", page 178, Salem: "On June 20, 1845, Christian Stark sold Barnett Chastain one-sixth part of undivided interest in the 100 acres. Christain had previously purchased brother Aaron's share. After running "land estate settlements", births and marriage certificates, I am of the opinion that the following are the names of the children of Jacob Stark, Sr. in early Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana:

(1) Abner Stark who married Rebecca Dickey in Clark County on January 3, 1813.

(2) Mary Stark who married cousin Eli Stark in Clark County on September 21, 1815.

(3) Mahlon Stark who married Sarah Manning in Washington County on September 13, 1821.

(4) Anne Stark who married Thomas Frazier in Shelby County,

in 1822. Anne was born January 25, 1800 and died April 3, 1887.

(5) Margaret Stark who married Nathaniel Moland in Washington County on October 22, 1823.

(6) Elizabeth Stark who married Joseph Bennett in Spencer County, Kentucky, about 1825.

(7) William Stark who married Keziah Kindle in Orange County Indiana, on March 28, 1825. William also married Mary Vermillion in Putnam County, Indiana, on January 27, 1833.

(8) Aaron Stark who married Matilda Boswell in Spencer County Kentucky, on July 29, 1828.

(9) Caleb Stark who married Rhoda Birditt in Scott County, Indiana on October 27, 1830.

(10) Jacob Stark II who married Rebecca Chastain in Washington County, Indiana, on June 23, 1831.

(11) Cynthia Stark who married Barnett Chastain in Washington County on June 10, 1834.

(12) Calvin Stark who married Mary Noland in Putnam County, Indiana, on July 20, 1834.

(13) David Stark who married.....?

(14) Christain Stark who married Catherine Chastain in Orange County, Indiana, on December 24, 1845.

(15) Abner Stark who married Rebecca Dickey was not mentioned in the land estate settlement but he could have sold his share to Thomas Frazier and wife Anne (Stark) Frazier. Rev. Janathan D. Stark performed the marriage ceremony. This Abner Stark later moved to Clark County, Illinois, and his descendents claim that he had a sister Anne who married Thomas Frazier and lived in Spencer County, Kentucky, and later moved to Illinois. We know that Anne (Stark) Frazier was a daughter of Jacob Stark, Sr. since Jacob Stark Sr.'s first wife was Margaret and had a brother named Abner. It seems most likely that she would name a son Abner. Since Jacob Stark, Sr. married Margaret Stark, daughter of "old" Joseph in 1794, young Abner could have been only about 18 years old at the time he married Rebecca Dickey. I think it is quite likely that this young Abner Stark was the eldest child of Jacob Stark, Sr., and named for his Uncle Abner Stark on his mother's side. Abner Stark, son of "old" Joseph Stark, married Percis Boone in Shelby County, Kentucky, on February 11, 1811. He was the eldest son of "old" Joseph.

This list of children of Jacob Stark, Sr. will clear up quite a few of the early Stark families and marriages in Washington County, Indiana. I have given these so as to eliminate them from Stephen Stark and Hannah (Purcell) Stark's Children which *were* numerous at one time in Vernon Township.

FAMILY HISTORY OF STEPHEN STARK

Stephen Stark, son of "old" Christopher Stark, was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on March 4, 1781, and died in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, August 2, 1836. Married Hannah Purcell, daughter of Daniel Purcell, Elks Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky, on April 1, 1805. Hannah Purcell was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, August 8, 1783, and was living in Claysville, Indiana, at the time of the 1860 census, aged 77 years.

Stephen and Hannah were my great grandfather and great grandmother. Stephen Stark and wife first settled in Shelby County, Kentucky, a part of what is now Spencer County, Kentucky, where they lived until about 1815. Just before Indiana was admitted as a State, they removed to Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. Stephen purchased 80 acres in Vernon Township on October 24, 1817, from Isaac Waggoner. Stephen Stark died during the cholera epidemic of 1836. His farm was later sold to Henry Banks. Stephen Stark came to Washington County, Indiana, with the following relatives: (1) Elisha, a brother; (2) Sarah Stark, a sister; who had married cousin Rev. Abraham Stark; (3) Elizabeth Stark, a sister, who had married Joseph Pound; (4) Phoebe Stark, a sister, who later married cousin Benjamin Stark; (5) Jacob Stark, a cousin; (6) Anna Stark, a cousin, who married Samuel Hays.

Following the death of Stephen Stark, his widow married Joseph Pound, brother-in-law. Joseph Pound settled across the border in Orange County, which was known later as the Henry Braxton farm. After the death of Joseph Pound, Hannah (Purcell) Stark Pound bought Lot No. 7 in Claysville of her daughter and son-in-law, John Kidder and Samyria Ann (Stark) Kidder. Stephen Stark and wife lie in unmarked graves in Lost River Cemetery, Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. Stephen's father was Christopher Stark, and his mother's maiden name was Martha Vineyard.

CHILDREN OF STEPHEN AND HANNAH (PURCELL) STARK.

(1) Absalom, born April 10, 1806; died January 18, 1878; married Sarah Lee in Orange County, Indiana, on November 24, 1831. He entered government land in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, in June 1829, and in October, 1832. He became Administrator of his father's estate. Their family lived in both Washington and Orange Counties at times. They had six children: (a) James Wilson, (b) Josephus Pound, (c) Nancy Jane, (d) John Alexander, (e) William Theodore, and (f) Stephen Vineyard.

(2) Phoebe Stark was born February 25, 1809, and died December 5, 1863. Phoebe married Joshua Mahan in Washington County, Indiana, on February 25, 1830, her twenty-first birthday. They settled near Stampers Creek in Orange County, Indiana, and are buried in Stampers Creek Cemetery. Children: (a) William, (b) George Washington, (c) Stephen, (d) Jasper, (e) Mary E., (f) and John S.

(3) Jane Stark was born October 24, 1810, and died April 3, 1892. Jane married Thomas Marts in Washington County, Indiana, on March 2, 1830. Then following the death of Stephen Stark, this family removed to Sullivan County, Indiana. Children: (a) Stephen Chamberlain, (b) Hannah, (c) John Samuel, (d) George Thomas, (e) Jacob, (f) Martha Ann, (g) Alva, (h) Marion, (i) Mary, and (j) Samaria Jane.

(4) Sarah Lucy Stark, born.....? and died.....? Sarah Lucy married Oliver Brewer in Washington County, Indiana, on October 23, 1832. They lived in Livonia, Indiana, where they purchased several lots from William and Tamar (Purcell) Manning. Tamar (Purcell) Manning was a sister of Hannah (Purcell) Stark.

(5) Nancy Stark was born on November 16, 1813, and married Philip Stark in Washington County, Indiana, on March 5, 1834. They purchased a farm in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, from Richard Ruberson and wife Jane on December 17, 1839, in section 22. They later sold this to Henry Banks on March 27, 1843. They then moved back to Scott County, Indiana, and bought another farm of David Stark. This David was probably Philip's father. They later removed to Appanoose County, Iowa, and Nancy died there on January 24, 1892.

(6) Vineyard Stark was born in 1815. He married Susan Kester in Washington County, Indiana, on October 25, 1840. They settled in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, and later moved to Sullivan County, Indiana.

(7) Permelia Stark (my grandmother) was born in 1817. She married Jefferson Burress in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, on March 4, 1839. They settled in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. They also lived in Madison and Posey Townships of the same county. They lived a few years in the 1860's in Clay County, Indiana, but returned to Washington County, Indiana and died there.

(8) Samyria Jane Stark married John E. Kidder in Orange County, Indiana, on September 12, 1847. They settled for a time in Claysville, Indiana, Washington County, where on August 19, 1854, they sold their Lot No. 7 to the mother Hannah (Purcell) Stark Pound.

(9) Hannah Stark was born in 1821. She married William H.

Barton in Orange County, Indian, on May 21, 1850. By 1845, the mother had married Joseph Pound and they had removed to Orange County, Indiana. Hannah and William H. Barton were living in Claysville at the time of the 1850 census, and Barton was listed as a gunsmith.

SOME FAMILY HISTORY OF ABSALOM STARK.

Absalom Stark was born April 10, 1806, and died January 18, 1878. He was the oldest child of Stephen and Hannah (Purcell) Stark. Absalom and wife Sarah (Lee) Stark both died in Orange County, Indiana, and are buried in Lost River Cemetery in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. Children:

(1) James Wilson Stark, born March 12, 1834, and died January 5, 1912, was the oldest child. He married Mattie J. Payne in Washington County, Indiana, on January 30, 1873. They had one daughter, Minnie Estella.

(2) John Alexander married Malissa Ann Hiatt in Washington County, Indiana, on March 13, 1870. They had five children: (a) Oliver, (b) Theodore, (c) Bert, (d) Pearl, and (e) Effie. They moved to Sullivan County, Indiana. John Alexander, Malissa, Bert and Theodore are buried in the New Little Flock Cemetery which is about one and one-half miles south of Shelburn, Indiana. The tombstone reads thus: "John Alexander Stark, born April 24, 1841; died October 20, 1931. His wife Malissa Ann, born May 30, 1844; died June 13, 1913." I haven't found out much about *died*

(3) Nancy Jane, except that she was born July 21, 1838. *unmarried*

(4) William Theodore is buried in Lost River Cemetery in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana.

(5) Josephus Pound Stark, and

(6) Stephen Vineyard Stark were never married. Josephus was a bachelor and Stephen was deaf at birth and never learned to speak.

After their parents died, James Wilson, Josephus Pound and Stephen Vineyard moved to Opossum Hollow in Madison Township, Washington County, Indiana. James Wilson died there January 5, 1912, aged 78 years. Josephus Pound also died here. Josephus was born December 21, 1835, and died December 12, 1912. Stephen was born May 16, 1851, and died at the Washington County poor farm November 7, 1936. James Wilson and Josephus are buried at Posey Cemetery in Madison Township, Washington County, Indiana. Stephen is buried at the Washington County poor farm in Indiana.

SOME HISTORY OF JANE STARK.

Jane Stark was born at Elks Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky, on October 24, 1810, and died at Shelburn, Sullivan County, Indiana, April 3, 1892. She was married in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, March 2, 1830, to Thomas Marts, at Elk Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky. Marts was born at Elks Creek, Kentucky, in Shelby County, on April 30, 1807 and died at Shelburn, Sullivan County, Kentucky, on January 23, 1881.

Jane Stark married Thomas Marts and her father, Stephen Starks filed his written consent. About the time of Stephen Stark's death Thomas Marts removed to Sullivan County, Indiana, where he bought a tract of government land. Their three oldest children were born in Washington County, Indiana. The remaining children were born in Sullivan County. This family were members of the Little Flock Baptist Church at Shelburn, Indiana. Thomas Marts and wife Jane are buried in the Little Flock Cemetery at Shelburn, Indiana. The names of the parents of Jane, father, Stephen Stark and mother, Hannah Purcell. The children of Thomas and Jane (Stark) Marts:

(1) Stephen Chamberlain Marts, who married Elezabeth F. Long in Sullivan County, Indiana, on April 23, 1857. They settled in Sullivan County and had a family of four children. After his wife's death in 1879, Stephen C. Marts removed to Wichita, Kansas, where his two sons had settled. His children were, (a) Thomas J., (b) Jane, (c) Harry, and (d) Martha.

(2) Hannah Marts married David H. Smith in Sullivan County, Indiana on February 15, 1855. They settled on a farm in Honey Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana. They had five children: (a) Isiah E., (b) Emery, (c) Florence, (d) Laura, and (e) Cora E.

(3) Jacob Marts married Minerva Jane Owens in Sullivan County, Indiana, on September 6, 1860. He served in Company D, 31st Indiana Regiment during the Civil War. His health was undermined during the war and he died March 11, 1865. He had one daughter, (a) Louise Ellen. His widow married William Willis in Sullivan County, Indiana, on June 1, 1867.

(4) John Samuel Marts married Cincinnati Owens at Little Rock, Arkansas, on January 16, 1868. He enlisted on July 24, 1861, in Company D, Indiana Heavy Artillery, and served till the close of the war. Following the end of the war he went to Arkansas, where he married and died three years later. He left one daughter, (a) Dora Belle.

(5) George Thomas Marts enlisted in Company D, 31st Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. After the war he married Rosannah Owens in Sullivan County, Indiana on January 6, 1866. They set-

tled near Shelburn and had ten children, viz: (a) Leonidas A., (b) Jacob, (c) Leander, (d) Aaron, (e) William Thomas, (f) Mary Jane, (g) Emma, (h) John Logan, (i) Ida, and (j) Ezra.

(6) Martha Ann Marts married Rev. William Thomas Cuppy, a Baptist minister in Sullivan County, Indiana, on February 2, 1862. During most of their married life they lived at Waveland, Montgomery County, Indiana. They had three children, viz: (a) Hazlitt Alva, (b) John, William, (c) Rose Anna. Mrs. Walter O. Shriner who has helped me in writing about this family is the daughter of John William Cuppy.

(7) Alva Marts enlisted in Company F, 115th Indiana Infantry and at the close of the war married Eunice Eleanor McKinney on October 2, 1864. They settled near Shelburn and had ten children, viz: (a) Flora, (b) Thomas Harvey, (c) Stella Ida, (d) Sylvester, (e) Arthur Edgar, (f) Margaret Jane, (g) Allen Alva, (h) Luther Garfield, (i) Frank Orion, and (j) Orlando Orvel.

(8) Marion Marts married Josephine Bridwell in Sullivan County, Indiana, on May 6, 1883. Following her death, he married Etta Belle Wyatt and she died September 28, 1905. Then on January 11, 1909, he married Sarah E. St. Clair in Vigo County, Indiana. He was a twin of Mary and he had no children.

(9) Mary Marts, twin of Marion, married William M. Akes, a Civil War Veteran, on December 28, 1864. They settled on a farm near Shelburn and had a family of seven children: (a) Esta, (b) Elza, (c) Ulysses, (d) Oscar, (e) Lillian, (f) William Thomas, and (g) Clarence.

(10) Samyria Jane Marts married Bennett Curtis in Sullivan County, Indiana, on December 4, 1870. They settled near Shelburn and had five children: (a) Clifford, (b) Geneva, (c) Myrtle, (d) Claude, and (e) Grace. Bennett Curtis died in 1884 and on April 4, 1886, Samira Jane married William Stewart. They had one son (a) Claude.

SOME HISTORY OF PERMELIA STARK.

Permelia Stark was born in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, in 1817. She died in the same township in 1895. On March 4, 1839, she was married to Jefferson Burress in Vernon Township. Jefferson was born in Pulaski County, Virginia, 1811. He died in Madison Township, Washington County, Indiana, in 1893. Father, Stephen Stark. Mother, Hannah Purcell.

Permelia Stark and husband first settled and lived in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, and later lived in Madison and Posey Townships for several years. They later moved to Clay

County, Indiana, where some of the Stark families lived, and later returned to Washington County, Indiana about 1867 or 1868. Permelia was a devoted Methodist and was a member of the Posey Methodist Church for several years in Madison Township, Washington County, Indiana. She was a great Bible reader. Permelia and her husband are buried in the Posey Cemetery. Children of Permelia (Stark) Burress and Jefferson Burress were:

(1) Mahala Jane Burress was born October 18, 1839, and died September 13, 1899. She married William W. Crane February 7, 1855. They settled and lived in Madison Township near Posey Church. They had two children: (a) Frank and (b) Milton.

(2) Mary Catherine Burress was born August 3, 1842, and died December 18, 1842.

(3) Samyria Ann Burress was born April 7, 1844, and died April 7, 1935. She married Albert L. Brasher in Terre Haute, Indiana, May 27, 1867. They lived in Terre Haute two years and moved to Jeffersonville, Indiana. They had three children: (a) Albert R., (b) Nellie, (c) Mary E. Samyria Ann and Albert L. are buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

(4) Susan Elizabeth Burress was born October 19, 1846, and died July 29, 1883. Her first husband was _____ Burgess. They had one daughter, Lou. She married her second husband, William M. Crane on April 13, 1869. They settled near Posey Church. They had four children; (a) Ola, (b) Ollie, (c) Frank, and (d) Maude.

(5) James Anderson Burress was born in 1848. He left home when young and lived in Illinois, Kentucky and Arkansas. He was married and had one daughter. Don't know the name of his wife. We did ^{not} get the date of her death. He probably died in Arkansas. The last letter he wrote home in his old age he was still in Arkansas.

(6) William Jefferson Burress was born in 1850. Like his brother, he left home when young and traveled in many western states and Old Mexico. He was never married. He probably died in California. The last letter he wrote home in his old age he was in Los Angeles.

(7) Margaret Angeline Burress was born March 3, 1852, and died March 19, 1854.

(8) Henrietta Isabell Burress was born December 16, 1853, and died June 7, 1931. She married Virgil S. Taylor on November 8, 1874. They had nine children, viz: (a) Emmett M., (b) John E., (c) Herschel M., (d) Bert, (e) William J., (f) Claudie E., (g) Eva M, (h) Gladious, (i) Alva, She died in Oklahoma and is buried near Hydro, Oklahoma.

(9) Hanna Samantha Burress was born March 29, 1856, and died January 1, 1960.

(10) Martha Ellen Burress was born September 15, 1858, and died May 23, 1918. She married William S. Hardin December 24, 1879. Their children were: (a) Roy Earl, (b) Herbert Van, (c) John Jefferson, and (d) Omer. Both my father and mother are buried in Lost River Cemetery, Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. After marriage they settled and purchased some of the old Stark homesteads and died there. After grandfather Jefferson died, grandmother wished to live with father and mother because she used to live on these farms when she was a little girl. Of this family the following are buried in Posey Cemetery with tombstones: ^{Jefferson} Permelia, Mahala, Jane, Susan Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, Margaret Angeline and Hannah Samantha.

FAMILY HISTORY OF ELIZABETH STARK.

Elizabeth Stark was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on January 13, 1775, and died in Northeast Township, Orange County, Indiana, on March 7, 1845. She married Joseph Pound at Forman's Creek, Nelson County, Kentucky, on December 18, 1792. Joseph Pound was born in New Jersey on November 27, 1769, and died in Northeast Township, Orange County, Indiana, on April 2, 1850. Father of Elizabeth Stark, Christopher Stark; Mother, Martha Vineyard. Shortly after their marriage Joseph and Elizabeth moved to Elk's Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky, along with the Pound and Stark families about 1815. They moved to Clark County, Indiana, with several Stark families. They next moved to Northeast Township, Orange County, Indiana, across the line from Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, in the Lost River district. The farm was later known as the Henry Braxton farm. The older children were married in Clark County, Indiana.

The Pound family was close in friendships with those of Stephen Stark (my great grandfather). Shortly after the death of Elizabeth, Joseph Pound married Stephen's widow. Joseph Pound left a will, mentioning property arrangements for Hannah. Joseph Pound and Elizabeth are buried in the Trimble Cemetery in Orange County, Indiana. By 1860, Hannah had returned to Claysville. She was probably buried beside her first husband, Stephen Stark in Lost River Cemetery in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. The children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stark) Pound are as follows: (

(1) Vineyard Pound married Eleanor Hutchings in Clark County Indiana, and he became a trader at Charlestown. He died while on a boat trip during a trip to New Orleans in 1830. He had

three children: (a) Elizabeth Ann, (b) John Milton, and (c) Nancy Jane.

(2) Sarah Pound married John Elgin in Orange County, Indiana, on 1819. They later moved to Greene County, Indiana, where Sarah Died in 1827. She left five children: (a) Rice, (b) Susan, (c) Nancy, (d) Elizabeth, and (e) Julia Ann.

(3) Malinda Pound married Rev. Rice McCoy in Clark County, Indiana, on January 2, 1812. They settled in Orange County and Washington County, Indiana, and had thirteen children. After Rev. Rice McCoy died, Malinda married John Martin. Her children were: (a) Eusebius, (b) Christiann, (c) Elizabeth, (d) Priscilla, (e) Isaac Newton, (f) Sarah, (g) Adoniram Judson, (h) William Carey, (i) Rice Jr., (j) John Bunyan, (k) Josephus, (l) Ann Hazeltine, and (m) Malinda.

(4) Martin Pound died at the age of 36 years unmarried. He lived part of the time in Scott County, Indiana. He died enroute to visit brothers then living in Sullivan County, Indiana.

(5) Nancy Pound married William Reed in Clark County, Indiana, on November 17, 1817. They later settled in Orange County and finally removed to Sullivan County, Indiana. They has twelve children: (a) James Harvey, (b) Emily Pound, (c) Sarah Elizabeth, (d) Melissa Jane, (e) Malinda, (f) Hannibal, (g) Evelyn, (h) Samuel Martin, (i) Joseph William, (j) Margaret Catherine, (k) Thomas B., and (l) Serena Ann.

(6) Thomas Pound married Nancy Johnson. They settled in Vigo County, Indiana. They had seven children: (a) Johnson, (b) Elizabeth, (c) Martin, (d) Josephus, (e) Daniel Rice, (f) James David and (g) Elijah.

(7) Elizabeth Pound died unmarried at the age of 24 years in Orange County, Indiana.

(8) John Pound married Margaret H. Liston in Sullivan County, Indiana, on April 15, 1824. They later moved to Carroll County, Missouri. They had eight children: (a) Joseph Liston, (b) James Feldan, (c) Lucinda Liston, (d) Harvey R., (e) Malinda McCoy, (f) Albert B., (g) Oliver Perry Liston, and (h) Thomas Stark.

(9) Josephus Stark Pound married Rachel Vandever in Orange County, Indiana, on August 26, 1847. His second wife was Catherine Lee. He removed to Lincolnville Kansas. Two children: (a) William Lee and (b) Lewis C.

(10) James Feldan Pound married Eleanor Case in Orange County, Indiana, on March 21, 1833. They later moved to Shelby County, Illinois. They had ten children: (a) Sarah Elizabeth, (b) John S.

(c) Julia Ann, (d) Margaret Catherine, (e) Joseph W., (f) Preston A., (g) Fayette, (h) Reed Case, (i) James Kimble, and (j) Vorden W.

(11) Julia Ann Pound married Felix Grundy McGrew in Orange County, Indiana, on December 23, 1827. They first settled in Orange County, Indiana, then in Sullivan County, Indiana, and finally settled in Shelby County, Illinois. They had nine Children: (a) Joseph M., (b) Finley, (c) Enoch, (d) Elizabeth Jane, (e) William Walter, (f) John Thomas, (g) Milford M., (h) Reed, and (i) Robert Taylor.

(12) Emily Pound married Chamberlain Marts in Orange County, Indiana, on May 26, 1831. Her cousin, Jane Stark, married Thomas Marts, brother of Chamberlain Marts. Chamberlain Marts and wife settled in Sullivan County, Indiana, and later moved to Shelby County, Illinois. They had ten children: (a) Martha Elizabeth, (b) William Thomas, (c) Syrena Ann, (d) Jacob Martin, (e) Nancy Jane, (f) Joseph Pound, (g) James Harvey, (h) John Chamberlain, (i) Felix Grundy, and (j) Samuel.

(13) William Lunsford Pound married Minerva Wires in Orange County, Indiana, on January 26, 1842, and died a few months later. He married Mary Ann Freed on September 8, 1843, and later married Nancy W. McClain on April 15, 1853. He had seven children: (a) Minerva Jane, (b) James H., (c) William Samuel, (d) Martha Elizabeth, (e) Thomas Alexander, (f) Ruth Emily, and (g) Cyrena Lunsford.

(14) Serena Ann Pound married Samuel R. McClain in Orange County, Indiana, on October 20, 1840. They settled in Sullivan County, Indiana, and had eight children: (a) William Thornton, (b) Catherine Elizabeth, (c) John Milton, (d) Josephus K., (e) Samuel Rice, (f) Malinda Caroline, (g) Emma, and (h) Julia Ann,

FAMILY HISTORY OF JAMES STARK.

James Stark was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on May 10, 1773. Died in Nebo Township, Pike County, Illinois, on October 19, 1853. He was married at Elk's Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky, on August 22, 1800, to Rebecca Pounds, sister of Joseph Pound. Rebecca was born at Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey, and died in Vienna Township, Scott County, Indiana, in 1820. James Stark's father was Christopher Stark; his mother was Martha Vineyard. James Stark was the eldest brother of Stephen Stark (my great grandfather). James Stark first purchsed a small tract of land near his father at Elk's Creek, Kentucky, in 1802, which he sold in 1818. He entered 480 acres of government land in Clark County, Indiana, in 1811 and 1817. He was in Scott County, Indiana, by 1820, where

he had entered 320 acres by 1824. He settled in Vienna Township, Scott County, Indiana, where his wife died about 1820. On June 25, 1824, he married Mary (Polly) Sutton in Scott County, Indiana. He began selling tracts of land to his various children around 1825. About 1837, James Stark removed to Pike County, Illinois, where many of his children went to settle. James Stark was buried in the Futton Cemetery, Pike County, Illinois.

Marion Christopher Stark, grandson of James, wrote a detailed history of this branch of the family. It is this branch which claims that Christopher Stark's wife was Martha Vineyard. Children of James and Rebecca (Pound) Stark:

(1) Christopher Stark (named after his grandfather Stark) married Rebecca Killion in Scott County, Indiana, on November 22, 1825. He bought 80 acres in Scott County of his father on March 13, 1827, and he sold same to Samuel Applegate on July 21, 1828. He removed to Gasconada County, Missouri, with the Killion families. Later he removed to Pike County, Illinois, where his father and other Stark families settled about 1838. Christopher Stark and Rebecca had ten children: (a) Sarah Ann, (b) William Reuben, (c) Daniel Jackson, (d) John H., (e) Mary Louise, (f) Rebecca, (g) Elizabeth, (h) Marion Christopher, (i) Isaac Newton, (j) Nolan Michael, and (k) Levina C.

(2) Sarah Stark (named for grandmother Sarah (Martin) Pound. Sarah married James M. Applegate in Scott County, Indiana, on August 12, 1824. They settled in Scott County, Vienna Township, where James M. Applegate took prominent part in civic and church affairs. Sarah died about 1832 and on June 6, 1833, James M. Applegate married Jerusha Stark. This family also moved to Pike County, Illinois, and settled in Pleasant Hill Township. Research will be needed to distinguish between children of Sarah and those of Jerusha.

(3) John Pound Stark (named for grandfather Pound) married Elizabeth Applegate in Washington County, Indiana, on December 29, 1835. John P. Stark bought 70 acres in Scott County from his father on March 19, 1827, and he and his wife Elizabeth sold same from Pike County, Illinois, to Jonathan Stark on February 1, 1839. They had eleven children: (a) Sarah, (b) James Samuel, (c) Martha K., (d) Rebecca Elizabeth, (e) John Squire, (f) William Hardin, (g) Nancy Jane, (h) Eunice Lucretia, (i) Annis Thursa, (j) Peter Christopher, and Abraham K. The wife Elizabeth died on March 22, 1863, and John P. Stark then married Mary Graig Miles, and she bore him three children: (k) Mary Louise, (l) Francis M., and (m) Laura R.

(4) Martha Stark (named for grandmother Martha (Vineyard) Stark) married Squire Applegate in Scott County, Indiana, on September 4, 1834. On March 24, 1841, they purchased a lot in Gosport, Owen County, Indiana, but by 1850, they had settled in Pike County, Illinois, and prior to 1960 they took the Oregon Trail and settled in Douglas County, Oregon. They had five children: (a) Samuel, (b) John P., (c) Jane E., (d) James C., (e) Martha.

(5) Eunice Ann Stark married John D. Garriott in Scott County, Indiana, on February 29, 1836. They settled in Pike County, Illinois, where they remained until 1847, and then removed to Clackamas County, Oregon. This was the first of these families to remove to Oregon. Their children were: (a) James, (b) Isaac W., (c) Christopher, (d) John M., (e) Martha E., (f) Eunice, (g) Mary E., and (h) Amanda E. John P. Stark who married Elizabeth Applegate, daughter of Samuel Applegate, on December 29, 1835, was the only member of this family to marry in Washington County, Indiana.

SOME NOTES AND HISTORY OF REV. ABRAHAM STARK.

Rev. Abraham Stark, son of "old" Daniel Stark, was born in Amwell Township at Catfish Creek, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on February 20, 1781, and died in Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana, on February 3, 1857. He married Sarah Stark, daughter of "old" Christopher Stark. Sarah was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, on March 14, 1779, and died April 1, 1851. She married Rev. Abraham in Shelby County, Kentucky, on June 6, 1798. Prior to moving to Indiana, he was in Butler County, Ohio, where some of the Starks had settled. While living in Kentucky he was converted to God in the faith of the Primitive Baptist February, 1800. He was baptized by Elder Willia Keeler in Harrod's Creek, in fellowship of the "Eighteen Mile Church". He came to Indiana prior to 1809, for his son Daniel M. Stark, was born in Indiana, on September 25, 1809. The family went back to Kentucky and remained there till Daniel was about five years old. The family then settled in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, and entered government land in section 14, in Vernon Township. Section 14 is not very far from where the Lost River Primitive Baptist Church stands today on the south fork of Lost River. Rev. Abraham Stark lived here a short time before he entered government land. Rev. Abraham Stark was quite active as a preacher and church organizer. Lots of his early church work was in Washington County, Indiana. As far back as 1816, Elisha Stark, Stephen Stark and Rev. Abraham Stark were delegates that met at the Blue River Association at Sinking Spring Church south of Livonia, Indiana and helped organize the Lost River Primitive Baptist Church on the south fork of Lost River in Vernon Township, Wash-

ington County, Indiana. This church was named Old Union. The date was the second Saturday in October, 1816, the same year that Indiana was admitted as a state.

Rev. Jonathan D. Stark was a visiting preacher and delivered the sermon at the organization. In 1817, the Association was held at Salem Church in Harrison County, Indiana, the fourth Saturday in September, with Stephen Stark and Rev. Abraham as messengers from Old Union. In 1819, the Association was held at Old Union, the second Saturday in September. At this meeting Rev. Abraham preached the introductory sermon, was Moderator, Messenger and wrote the circular letter. In the circular letter which was given over 100 years ago the members of his faith still believe the principles which he advocated to the present day. In 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1824 and 1825, he was Moderator of these annual associations that were held in Washington County and adjoining counties. In 1826, Union Church went into another association and did not come back into the Blue River Association until 1872. During the time between these dates many of the Stark families had moved.

While in Washington County Abraham walked over 100 miles on a preaching trip to Indianapolis. A Baptist settlement near Terre Haute persuaded him to come and preach for them. After moving, he organized churches in Clay, Vigo and Sullivan Counties in Indiana. Some of Rev. Abraham's children were born in Washington County, Indiana. Some also married here and he performed some of the marriage ceremonies. He owned land in Washington and Scott Counties, Indiana. At least four of his sons became Baptist preachers, viz; James, Elisha, Daniel M., and Stephen.

Rev. Abraham Stark and his wife, Sarah (Stark) Stark, had fifteen children, all of whom grew to adulthood and married. The children, as reported by descendants, were:

(1) Aletha Stark married William Manning in Washington County, Indiana, on February 19, 1817. Rev. Abraham performed the ceremony. This family moved to Owen County, Indiana, and then to Clearmont County, Ohio.

(2) Rebecca Stark married Peter Chastain, probably in Sullivan County, Indiana, where early marriage records were destroyed prior to 1850. They settled later in Clay County, Indiana, and had four children: (a) Elizabeth, (b) Rebecca, (c) A daughter who married Henry Pierson, and (d)

(3) Jesse Stark married Susan Bates in Shelby County, Kentucky, on March 19, 1820. This son did not join the family until they settled in Vigo County, Indiana, in 1828. Jesse eventually

settled in Nebraska and had thirteen children: (a) Simeon, (b) Abraham C., (c) Malinda Jane, (d) William Riley, (e) Candacia, (f) Jesse Bates, (g) James Rice, (h) Ancel, (i) Sarah Ann, (j) Dennis Hern, (k) Charles S., (l) Christiann, and (m) George Smith.

(4) Emily Stark, this is the only child not fully substantiated by proof. She married Sanford Kendall in Washington County, Indiana, on September 2, 1824. This family later moved to Sullivan County, Indiana.

(5) James A. Stark married Eliza Chastain. He was a Baptist minister and in 1850, or just afterwards, settled in Martin County, Indiana.

(6) Stephen Stark married Elizabeth Waggoner in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, on August 2, 1827. He became a Baptist minister in Sullivan, Clay, Vigo and Owens Counties. They were in Owen County, Indiana, in 1847.

(7) Daniel M. Stark married Patience Welch in Vigo County, Indiana, on March 1, 1831. He was a Baptist minister and settled near Pimento, Vigo County, Indiana. He and Patience had seven children: (a) Emeline, (b) William A., (c) Simeon W., (d) Rebecca Ann, (e) Stephen Berman, (f) Eunice Ann, and (g) Sarah Jane. After the death of his first wife Daniel married Lucy N. Harris, in Vigo County, Indiana, on April 24, 1870.

(8) William Stark married and settled in Sullivan County, Indiana. They later moved to Edgar County, Illinois, and settled near Paris. He married Elizabeth Stark in Sullivan County, Indiana on December 18, 1856, by Rev. Elisha Stark.

(9) Phoebe Stark married Joshua Carman Stark, son of Jonathan J. Stark in Scott County, Indiana, on August 6, 1837. They settled in Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana, and had four children: (a) Sarah, (b) Abraham, (c) Daniel, (d) Timothy. Phoebe died shortly after 1850 and on February 17, 1855, Joshua C. Stark married Lucinda Ann Fisher.

(10) Elisha S. Stark married Nancy Stark, daughter of Jonathan in Scott County, Indiana, on September 4, 1834. He first settled in Clay County, Indiana, and had six children: (a) Jonathan, (b) Phoebe, (c) Abraham, (d) Mary R., (e) Sarah, and (d) Mary. He was a Baptist minister.

(11) Rice McCoy Stark married Dorcas Whitaker in Vigo County, Indiana, on November 14, 1837. They first settled in Clay County, Indiana and had six children: (a) Joseph, (b) Alonzo, (c) Melissa, (d) Owen, (e) Thomas, (f) Jesse A., and Sarah. After the death of the first wife, Rice married Nancy M. Crist, in Clay County, Indiana, on September 24, 1857. She bore him four children: (h) Mary Dorcas, (i) Bernette, (j) Cary

De Marquis, and (k) Mellie Ellen.

(12) Sarah Stark married John Chambers in Vigo County, Indiana, on May 5, 1835. They settled in Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana, and had six children: (a) William A., (b) Jane, (c) Martha A., (d) Joseph, (e) Benjamin, and (f) Melissa.

(13) Joseph Pound Stark married Caroline Sample in Scott County on March 22, 1843. It is reported that this son never settled in Vigo or Clay Counties, Indiana.

(14) Abraham Stark, Jr. married Christiann Chambers in Sullivan County, Indiana, in 1844. They settled in Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana, and had ten children: (a) David Chambers, (b) Owen Thomas, (c) Zachary Taylor, (d) Asa Frakes, (e) John Milton, (f) Margaret Jennie, (g) Stephen Leonard, (h) Daniel Martin, (i) Mary Josephine, and (j) Mary Elizabeth.

(15) Isaac Stark married Elizabeth Ann Richey in Sullivan County, Indiana, in 1849. They were living with his parents in Vigo County, Indiana, in 1850 census. They later moved to Greenwood County, Kansas, and had nine children: (a) Sarah, (b) Frank, (c) Poone, (d) Rebecca Jane, (e) Lucette, (f) Furnina, (g) Elizabeth, (h) William Alonzo, and (i) Shelly Pearl. After moving north to Clay, Vigo and Sullivan Counties, he returned for various periods to Scott County. He located promising tracts of land for settlement and told relatives about the opportunities which resulted in movements of the Stark families.

Rev. Abraham had a slight "lisp" in his speech. He jokingly said, "We Starks have married cousins so often that none of us can speak plainly." The records show certainly that the Starks were a close knit clan and married cousins quite frequently. He was prone to brag of his 15 children in his old age. Rev. Abraham and his cousin wife are buried side by side in the Friendly Grove Cemetery in Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana. The inscriptions on the separate tombstones reads thus: "Sally Stark, wife of A. Stark died April 1, 1851, aged 72 years and 18 days." "Elder Abraham Stark died February 3, 1857, aged 75 years, 11 months and 13 days." A Baptist minister for over 40 years. Elder is his church title, not part of his name. Sarah, his wife was called Sally by many people.

NOTES ON REV. JONATHAN D. STARK.

Rev. Jonathan D. Stark was a son of "old" James Stark. Jonathan D. was a brother of Jacob Stark, Sr., who was an early settler in Vernon Township. He married his cousin, Rachel Stark, daughter of "old" Daniel Stark, in Nelson County, Kentucky, on February 11, 1792. Rachel Stark was a sister of Rev-

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Abraham Stark. Jonathan D. Stark became a Baptist minister very early in Kentucky. Rev. Jonathan D. Stark was among some the first to move into Clark County, Indiana. ~~He died about 1819.~~ He owned land in Indiana Territory and performed many marriage ceremonies in Clark County, Indiana, as early as 1809. After Jonathan D. Stark's death, his widow, Rachel, settled with her children in Vienna Township in Scott County, Indiana. Rachel died in 1852 and her estate was settled in Clark County, Indiana, with her youngest son, Eliab, as Administrator. It appears from estate settlement that the following were children of Rev. Jonathan D. Stark: (a) Eli, (b) Samuel, (c) Joel, (d)

Jane, (e) Cozad, (f) Eliab.

*Cozad Stark and wife are buried
Finley Twp. Scott Co., Ind. Cemetery no. 7. Cozad Stark born Jan 26, 1804
died Jan. 25, 1884 on his birthday. Margaret his second wife born Dec. 11,
1811, died Apr. 4, 1886*

Cozad lived a few years in Washington County, Indiana. He married Catherine Dunlap in Scott County, Indiana, on December 17, 1823, and for a second wife he married Margaret Jane (Weir) Boomer in Washington County, Indiana, on April 25, 1834. They sold their farm in Franklin Township, Washington County, Indiana, to Enoch Parr on March 17, 1847, and went back to Scott County to live.

HISTORY OF JACOB STARK II.

Jacob Stark II, son of Jacob Stark I and second wife, Nancy Ann Robison, was born in Clark County, Indiana, in 1811, and died in Vernon Township on November, 1901. He married Rebecca Chastain, daughter of Barnett Chastain, Sr., in Vernon Township on June 23, 1831. Rebecca was born in Clark County, Indiana, in 1815, and died in Vernon Township in 1851. They settled and lived in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, for several years. Children of Jacob and Rebecca were: (1) Richard Stark, born August 1, 1832, and died in 1890. He married Eliza Jane Carl in Vernon Township, on October 22, 1851. They settled in Vernon Township. Richard was Administrator of Christian Stark's estate and became Guardian of the children of his brother, Barnett Stark, who died in the Civil War. They had no children.

(2) Barnett Stark, born November 15, 1834, and died in Nashville, Tennessee, on December 22, 1864. He was private in Company C, 9th Indiana Volunteers, Civil War. He married Eliza Jane Kirk in Vernon Township, on June 2, 1855. Eliza died March 7, 1879. They had four children: (a) Rebecca Jane, who married David Riley Loyd on March 8, 1879. Their children were: (a) Eddie, (b) Belle, (c) Delbert, (d) Mary, and (e) Lula. Francis Marion Stark never married. Born on March 10, 1858. Lived in Vernon Township. Margaret Armilda Stark was born on March 15, 1860. She never married. She went to live with relatives in Illinois and never returned. Amanda Ellen Stark born April 28, 1862.

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I found Rev. Jonathan D. Stark's grave in
Scott Co., Ind., at Old Dix Cemetery.
The inscription reads as follows:
Rev. Jonathan D. Stark born on May 14, 1768
died May 6, 1828. Ordained minister of
Regular Baptist Church.

She married Valentine Chastain on April 7, 1837. They had three children: Clara, Virgil and Johnnie. Her second marriage was to John C. Tegarden, on October 3, 1900. They had three children: Robert, Bennie and Noble.

(3) Sarah Ann Stark was born on June 1, 1836. She married William Davis in Washington County, Indiana, on February 16, 1860. They settled near Campbellsburg, Indiana, and had eight children: (a) John S., married Belle Green, (b) Lou, married Charles Babbs, (c) Belle, married George Smith, (d) James, married Lane, (e) Harriett, married William Sullivan, (f) Fred, died young, (g) Charles, married Sadie Banks, (h) Harry, married Hughes. Sarah and William Davis are buried in Hop Cemetery north of Campbellsburg, Indiana.

(4) Susan Stark was born April 24, 1841. (She was also called Sussinhousem as given in an old testament dated in 1840.) She married William Chastain on January 19, 1858. The family left Washington County.

(5) Christiann born on March 30, 1844, and died young and unmarried.

After Rebecca (Chastain) Stark died early in 1851, Jacob Stark II married Catherine Wilson, on October 22, 1851. They remained in Vernon Township until about 1856 when they moved to Illinois, but returned about 1859, since they were in Vernon Township again for the 1960 census. At this time they had four young children: (a) Mary Frances, (b) Jacob III, (c) Rebecca Jane, and (d) David. The two younger children, namely, Rebecca Jane and David, were listed as born in Illinois. Other children were (e) Lydia, (f) Alice, and (g) Cynthia, who was feeble minded.

(6) Rebecca Jane married Orlando Tichers. They had no children that we know of.

(7) Lydia married William Chastain. They had one son (a) Alva, who did live in Chicago.

(8) Jacob Stark III always lived in Arthur, Illinois. He had one daughter, Ora, and one son, Otis.

(9) Alice Stark married a Mr. Brewer in Oklahoma.

(10) David Stark was born in Illinois on June 22, 1858, and died in Orange County, Indiana, on April 24, 1941. He married Lavina Chastain on February 14, 1884, in Vernon Township, Washington Township, Washington County, Indiana. She was born April 12, 1855, and died December 25, 1932. Both are buried in Stampers Creek Cemetery in Orange County, Indiana. They had two children, viz: (a) Arrie E., and was born in Vernon Township, Washington County on November 23, 1885. She married Ava L. Gardner in Orange County, Indiana, on January 8, 1911. Both Arrie and Ava live in

Bloomington, Indiana. They have one son, Charles C. Stark, born July 22, 1912, in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana. He married Zelma Y. Ferguson at Marshall, Missouri, on February, 26, 1932. Charles and Zelma both live at Bloomington, Indiana. Charles and father, Arrie, have a photographic studio at Bloomington, Indiana, where Charles holds the title of Master of Photography. Charles and Zelma have no children.

(b) Mary Estella Stark, daughter of David and Lavina Stark, married on June 26, 1910, to Ollis Tarr. Mary Estella was born December 1, 1887, at Bromer, Indiana. She now lives in Orleans, Indiana, and has four children: Lelah, Edith, Viola and David Wilson. Jacob Stark's third marriage was to Susan Carl on September 3, 1889, in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, and remained in this township until their deaths. Susan died about two years before Jacob died. There were no children by his last marriage.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON NANCY AND PHILIP STARK.

After some correspondence with Everett M. Knapp, a grandson of Philip and Nancy, he has given this information. Everett lives in Appanoose County, Iowa. Philip Stark was born in 1812 or 1813, and died in Johns Township, Appanoose County, Iowa, in 1887. Nancy Stark was born November 13, 1813, and died in Johns Township, Appanoose County, Iowa, January 24, 1892. The children of Philip and Nancy were the following: (a) David T., (b) William A., (c) James J., (d) Mary Ann, (e) Sarah Jane, (f) Alonzo M., (g) Louis R., and (h) Philip Monroe, born October 7, 1853, and died March 28, 1936, (i) Margaret E., born September 14, 1855, and died June 22, 1926, and (j) Emerett. I

In an old letter by Philip to Jefferson and Permelia Burris (my grandparents) in 1885, Philip stated that four of the children were living in Kansas. Three of the children were living in Missouri, two of the children were living in Iowa, and one was dead. It has been difficult to trace the history of this family because they settled in several states and moved several times. I have the old letters of Philip written in 1883 and 1885, when he was living in Iowa.

ELISHA STARK FAMILY.

Elisha Stark, son of Christopher and Martha (Vineyard) Stark, was born December 14, 1777, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania (now Washington County, Pennsylvania). His parents came to Kentucky about 1784 or 1786, and a few years later they settled on 300 acres in Elk's Creek, Shelby County, Kentucky. This section of

Kentucky soon became part of Henry County, Kentucky, and in 1823 was formed into Spencer County, Kentucky. He married Lucretia Stout, daughter of Reuben and Martha (VanDyke) Stout in Kentucky, December 14, 1802. Reuben Stout, Sr. was a Revolutionary Soldier from Culpepper County, Virginia, who settled in Shelby County, Kentucky, about 1798. I think the Reuben Stout who settled in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, was a brother to Lucretia. Lucretia always went by the name of Lucy. Elisha's father died intestate, but on November 19, 1807, during his last illness in Henry County, Kentucky, Christopher Stark deeded all of his land and stock to his sons, Elisha and Stephen (this Stephen was my great grandfather). This deed-will being proven in Court on November 1, 1810. During the next few years Elisha and Stephen sold this property and distributed the proceeds among the heirs, but there was no administration of the estate. In about 1815 or early 1816, Elisha Stark along with his brothers Stephen and brother-in-law Rev. Abraham Stark, settled in the Lost River section in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. We are sure these three were here for they met to organize the Old Union Primitive Church in October, 1816. Elisha entered government land in section 23, 160 acres, March 4, 1817.

On May 13, 1823, Elisha and Lucretia deeded $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres in section 23 in Vernon Township to Rice McCoy, Elisha Carr and Joseph Pound, trustees of Union Church for a place of worship and burying ground. Given for the favor, affection and good will, which they bear towards the said church and the warm interest which they feel in the doctrines which it inculcates and together with the sum of \$3.00 to them in hand. Henry W. Hackett, Justice of the Peace of Vernon Township. Elisha remained here until after the early part of 1830, and then moved to Vigo County, Indiana.

The last deed recorded at Salem, Indiana, was made to Jonathan Stout from Spencer County, Kentucky, October 31, 1831. About this time the Stout families left Spencer County, Kentucky, and moved to Vigo County, Indiana. Elisha Stark died in Prairie Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana, April 6, 1836, leaving a will. Elisha and Lucretia (Stout) Stark are reported to have been buried in the McGlone Cemetery, but if so there are no monuments. Children of Elisha and Lucretia Stark are:

(1) Reuben, born about 1804 in Henry County, Kentucky, on August 21, 1828, settled in Kentucky, and never came to Vigo County, Indiana, with other members of the family. They had no children.

(2) James was born about 1806 in Henry County, Kentucky. He is probably the James who married Sarah Souder in Vernon Township. It has been reported he married a second time. He came to Vigo County. I have none of his descendants. He was named Executor of his father's will. However, he left the county and his brother, Simpson, was made Administrator of his father's estate.

(3) Christopher was born December 28, 1808, in Henry County, Kentucky. He married Mary Akers in Vigo County, Indiana, on August 23, 1832; settled at Centerville, Indiana, and had 6 children: (a) Calvin, (b) William Thomas, (c) Mary Ellen, (d) Serepa Ann, (e) Aaron Stout, (f) Sarah Jane,

(4) Simpson was born October 21, 1810, in Henry County, Kentucky; married Elizabeth Liston in Vigo County, Indiana, on November 21, 1831; settled in Pierson Township, Vigo County, Indiana; and died May 1870. They had nine children: (a) William Thompson, (b) Thomas Stout, (c) Oliver Perry, (d) Nancy Lucretia, (e) Rebecca Jane, (f) Henry Clay, (g) James Monroe, (h) Mary Margaret, and (i) Gilbert Beebe.

(5) Peter was born October 14, 1812, in Henry County, Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Crist in Vigo County, Indiana, on February 4, 1836; settled in Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana, where he died July 3, 1865. They had six children: (a) Egbert, (b) Nancy Mariah, (c) Benjamin Franklin, (d) Josephus, (e) George Washington and (f) Thomas Jefferson.

(6) Abraham VanDyke was born April 15, 1815, in Henry County, Kentucky; married Sarah Jane Boswell in Kentucky about 1841. They had six children: (a) Albert Elliott, (b) Mary Eleanor, (c) James Hiram, (d) Charles Boswell, (e) Sarah Josephine, and (f) Minnie Lucretia.

(7) Janathan D. (they called him Doc) was born August 1, 1817, in Washington County, Indiana; married Martha Jane Weeks in Vigo County, Indiana, on March 6, 1856; settled in Lewis Township, Clay County, Indiana, where he died March 9, 1888. They had seven children: (a) Samantha Jane, (b) Julia Ann, (c) Emma Alice, (d) Susan Lurectia, (e) William Albert, (f) James Alvin, and (g) Sarah Etta.

(8) Mary was born in 1819, in Washington County, Indiana; married John McGlone in Vigo County, Indiana, on February 4, 1836; and died 1837. They had only one son, Stout.

(9) Stephen Stout was born November 24, 1821, in Washington County, Indiana; married Minerva Ann Weeks in Vigo County, Indiana, on August 31, 1844; settled in Vigo County, where he died January 8, 1899. They had eight children: (a) Lou Ellen, (b) James Wilson, (c) Lewis Abraham, (d) Damarias, (e) Simpson, (f) Anna, (g) Colonel Ellsworth, and (h) Alonzo.

(10) Sarah was born in 1823, in Washington County, Indiana, never married and died in Vigo County, Indiana, at the age of 26.

(11) Rebecca was born in 1825, in Washington County, Indiana, She married Adoniram Judson Liston in Vigo County, Indiana, on March 6, 1844, and died in 1849. She had two children who died in infancy: (a) Cyrus C., and (b) Albert A.

(12) Marion was born in Washington County, Indiana, in 1827 and died in Vigo County, Indiana, aged 14 years.

ABRAHAM VANDYKE STARK FAMILY.

Abraham VanDyke Stark, son of Elisha and Lucretia (Stout) Stark, was born April 15, 1815, in Henry County, Kentucky. His parents came to Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, in about 1815 or 1816, and again moved to Vigo County, Indiana, in 1830. Abraham VanDyke Stark became a school master; and about 1840 he went to Kentucky, where he met and married Sarah Jane Boswell. She was born December 2, 1823. They remained in Kentucky until just prior to the Civil War, when they returned to Vigo County, Indiana. Sarah Jane (Boswell) Stark died in Vigo County, Indiana, on August 20, 1873, and is buried in the Brown Cemetery near Pimento by the side of her eldest son. On October 14, 1875, Abraham V. Stark married Martha Jane Elliott in Vigo County, Indiana, and settled at Middletown, Indiana. They had one son, Joseph, who was born and died on November 2, 1876. Abraham V. died on August 9, 1890, and is buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery at Middletown, Indiana. He and wife Sarah had six children:

(1) Albert Elliott Stark was born June 21, 1843, in Kentucky; enlisted in the Union Army; was captured at the "Battle of the Wilderness" on April 4, 1864; was placed in Libby Prison and exchanged after his health was broken; arrived home just before his death on November 26, 1864.

(2) Mary Eleanor Stark was born September 21, 1848, in Kentucky; married David Hugh Bledsoe in Vigo County, Indiana, on May 4, 1867; settled at Middletown, Indiana, where she died on January 16, 1923. Had six children: (a) Charles Addison, (b) Edith Jane, (c) Emma Ann, (d) Martha, (e) Minerva Ann, and (f) Ida Mae.

(3) James Hiram Stark (who wrote a brief history of his family) was born September 17, 1850, in Graves County, Kentucky. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Miller in Sullivan County, Indiana, on March 1, 1874; served as minister in Christain church in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. He died at Little Rock, Arkansas, on February, 12, 1918. They had five children: (a) Enclitus Cordylus, (b) Amy Awilda, (c) Ora Elmer,

(d) Alma Grace, and (e) Paul Foretus.

(4) Charles Boswell Stark, born February 2, 1856, in Kentucky; married Affie Bowden at North Bend, Nebraska, in 1880, and died January 14, 1928. He had six children: (a) Albert A., (b) James Abraham, (c) Gertrude, (d) Elmer E., (e) Linsey, and (f) Benjamin Bowden.

(5) Sarah Josephine Stark was born July 4, 1861; married Francis Marion Ringo, in Greene County, Indiana; settled near Linton, where she died January 16, 1909. She had six children: (a) John Abraham, (b) Charles Edgar, (c) Victoria Elvira, (d) Lochiel Ellen, (e) Dorothy Florence, and (f) Lois Edna.

(6) Minerva Lucretia Stark was born October 12, 1889; was married to Rufus Gilbert Hawk in Greene County, Indiana, on August 6, 1883; settled near Linton, Indiana, where she died April 15, 1898. She had three children: (a) Benjamin, (b) Leonard and (c) Chloe Mae.

JOSEPH LEONARD STARK FAMILY.

Joseph Leonard Stark, son of "old" John Stark, was an early settler in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. He had wife, Sarah Akers, whom he married in Henry County, Kentucky, and four children under 10 years of age in Washington County, Indiana, at the time of the 1820 census. Among his children were: (a) William, (b) Indiana, (c) Lucinda, and (d) Catherine. By 1830 census he had removed to Scott County, Indiana, and settled at Lexington near his father and by that time none of his seven children were fifteen years of age.

ISAAC STARK NOTES.

Isaac Stark was in Washington County, Indiana, only a short time. He entered no government land and made no purchase of land that I can find in county records. Isaac Stark, son of "old" Daniel Stark and a brother of Rev, Abraham Stark. He married Ruth Stark, daughter of "old" Christopher Stark, in Henry County, Kentucky, on March 4, 1805. They settled in Scott County, Indiana, prior to 1820. They had seven children at the time of the 1820 census. They later moved to Putnam County, Indiana, and were there when the 1830 census was taken, with two children still at home. They later moved to some western state. Ruth Stark, wife of Isaac, was a sister of Stephen and Elisha Stark of Washington County, Indiana. In my opinion, Ruth and Isaac came about the same time the other Stark families entered Washington County, Indiana, but decided not to live in Washington County.

NOTES ON PLEASANT STARK.

Pleasant Stark was an early settler in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. He was a preacher of the Primitive Baptist faith. He entered U. S. Government land in Vernon Township, February 13, 1836. He sold the 80 acres in Section 20 to Nelson Stephenson, October 1, 1844. He married, with his step-father's consent, Sally Yancy of age, December 1, 1830. The marriage was performed by Nathan Maudlin, Justice of the Peace, in Vernon Township. After selling his farm he moved to Mitchell Township, Martin County, Indiana, and owned a farm there a few years and later with his family moved to Missouri. I have never found out definitely who Pleasant's parents were, and the names of his children. Some of the older people of Vernon Township, who are now dead, have told me that Pleasant preached in Washington County quite a bit.

THE VINEYARD STARK FAMILY.

Vineyard Stark, son of Stephen Stark and Hannah (Purcell) Stark, was born in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, about 1815. He married Susan Kester in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, on October 25, 1840. Susan Kester, daughter of Paul Kester, was born in Vernon Township about 1819.

Vineyard purchased a tract of government land in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, on January 2, 1835. This was about the time he became of age. Following the death of his father, Vineyard went security for his brother Alsalom Stark, as Administrator of the Stephen Stark Estate. Vineyard Stark was in Washington County, Indiana, at the time of the 1850 census. Then he moved to Hamilton Township, Sullivan County, Indiana, where he was with his wife and seven children in the 1860 census. On November 3, 1858, he and his wife from Sullivan County, Indiana, sold their interest in the 100-acre estate of Paul Kester, deceased, in Washington County, Indiana, to his brother-in-law, Jefferson Burress. Vineyard Stark later moved to some western state. According to the 1860 census in Sullivan County, Indiana, the following children were given:

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| (1) Shelby Purcell, | born in | 1841 |
| (2) Ephriam Thomas | " " | 1843 |
| (3) Elcan | " " | 1847 |
| (4) Hannah C. | " " | 1850 |
| (5) Paul Kester | " " | 1853 |
| (6) Susan Jane | " " | 1856 |
| (7) Vineyard, Jr. | " " | 1860. |

HISTORY OF ANNE STARK AND FAMILY.

Anne Stark was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, on February 14, 1795, and died in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, January 26, 1875. She married Henry County, Kentucky, on January 19, 1812 to Samuel Hayes, Sr. Hayes was born in Pennsylvania February 20, 1790, and died in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, March 1, 1875. Anne Stark was a daughter of "old" Joseph and Hannah Stark of Shelby County, Kentucky. Anne Stark Hayes was a sister of Margaret Stark (who married Jacob Stark of early Washington County, Indiana) and also a sister of Mary Stark (who married David Stark of early Scott County, Indiana). Her brothers and sisters were:

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| (1) Margaret Stark | who married | Jacob Stark, |
| (2) Rhoda Stark | " " | Daniel McDonald |
| (3) Abner Stark | " " | Percis Boone |
| (4) Mary Stark | " " | David Stark |
| (5) Reuben Stark | " " | Sarah Stephenson |
| (6) Philip Stark | " " | Elizabeth Rawlins |
| (7) Caleb Stark | " " | Anne E. Boone |
| (8) Anne Stark | " " | Samuel Hayes, Sr. |

Samuel Hayes' father came from Tipperary, Ireland. Samuel Hayes and his friend, Jesse Elgin, first investigated land opportunities at Madison, Indiana, then went down the Ohio River to Shoals, thence to Lost River where Samuel Hayes located a government tract just below Claysville, Indiana. He settled on the north side of the river and Jesse Elgin on the south side of the river. Samuel and Anne (Stark) Hayes are buried in the Orange County, Indiana. Joseph Stark, father of Anne (Stark) Hayes, died in Henry County, Kentucky, about 1807, and on January 18, 1808, his wife, Hannah was appointed Administratrix of his estate. Samuel Hayes signed the deed transfer for his wife, Anne, when the heirs of Joseph sold this land.

Children and grandchildren of Samuel and Anne (Stark) Hayes are as follows:

- (1) Rhoda Hayes married Thomas Matthew. Children: (a) Wiley, (b) Jane.
- (2) Joseph Hayes married Jennie Tegarden. Children: (a) Robert, (b) Basil, (c) Elizabeth, (d) Lydia, (e) Curtis, (f) Lewis, and (g) Sylvester.
- (3) Wiley Hayes married Martha Tegarden. Children: (a) John Calvin, (b) Sarah E., (c) Abraham Lincoln, (d) Flora May, (e) Albert, (f) Leora Ellen, (g) John Henry, (h) Samuel Franklin, (i) Ida, twin, (j) Iva, twin, and (k) William.
- (4) Jane Hayes married Spencer Tegarden. Children: (a) Dosie, (b) Franklin, (c) Thomas, (d) Dell, (e) Zilpha, and (f) Laura.

(5) Lorenzo Hayes married Sarah Ellen Miller. Children: (a) John, (b) Elijah, (c) Melvin, (d) James, (e) Belle, and (f) Rosa.

(6) Ingledove Hayes never married. He was killed while serving in the Civil War.

There are probably other children I did not get in the census report. Tregdon Hayes was given in 1860 census, He was probably a grandson.

HISTORY OF BENJAMIN STARK.

Benjamin Stark, son of "old" John Stark, was a settler in V Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. He was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1783. He died in Pierson Township, Vigo County, Indiana, January 3, 1831. His first wife was Mary Arnold, who died in Scott County, Indiana in 1821. After the sale of his land in Scott County, Indiana to Jesse Watkins of Washington County, Indiana, and death of his first wife, he moved to Washington County, Indiana. He married Phoebe Stark for his second wife, who settled in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, at the very beginning of the settlement. He purchased land from Jesse Watkins in section 23, Vernin Township, on September 16, 1822. Phoebe Stark was born in 1794 in Nelson County, Kentucky. In the fall of 1830, Benjamin Stark maved to Pierson Township, Vigo County, Indiana, and died there on January 3, 1831. He left a will which named his wife and twelve children. He named his wife and Rev. Abraham Stark as Executors. His widow, Phoebe, married William McGlone in Vigo County, Indiana, on March 10, 1833. Children of Benjamin Stark and Mary (Arnold) Stark, his first wife:

(1) Christie Ann Stark married Isaac Kimberlin in Scott County, Indiana, on June 19, 1821. She was named in Her father's will and received a share of his estate.

(2) Mariah Stark married Hiram Carrell in Clark County, Indiana, on March 6, 1829. She was named in her father's will and her busband was named in the estate settlement.

(3) Susanna Stark married Henry Bower in Clark County, Indiana, on August 14, 1834. They settled in New Washington, Clark County, where they received a share of Benjamin's estate.

(4) John Arnold Stark married Sarah Ann Welch, in Vigo County, Indiana, on April 3, 1834. They settled in Vigo County, Indiana, where John died March 6, 1874. Had eleven children: (c) Henry Arnold, (b) Benjamin Franklin, (c) Mary Jane, (d) Sarah Ellen, (e) John Wesley, (f) Nancy Ann, (g) Sylvester, (h) Elizabeth Caroline, (i) Mortimer H., (j) Maletis, and (k) Jasper M.

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(5) Henry Arnold Stark. No further record.

(6) Martha Stark married Edward Fouts in Clark County, Indiana, on March 29, 1834. They also settled at New Washington, Clark County, Indiana, where they received a share of Benjamin's estate.

(7) Elizabeth Stark married Samuel M. Trulock in Clark County, Indiana, on February 21, 1835. John Hodges of Vigo County, was her Guardian, in 1833.

(8) Elijah Arnold Stark married Curmeller Weeks in Sullivan County, Indiana, on? They settled on a farm in Sullivan County, and had nine children: (a) Maluohi, (b) Edward W., (c) Amanda M., (d) Cyrus, S, (e) (f) William T., (g) Herschel V., (h) Dorothea, and (i)

Benjamin and Phoebe's children were:

(9) Hulda Eddy Stark married Joseph Akers in Vigo County, Indiana, on February 14, 1844. They settled on a farm in Vigo County, Indiana, and are buried in the cemetery east of Pimento. Their children were: (a) Lurena, (b) Martha, (c) Willis M., (d) (e) Cyrena, (f) Daniel Vorhees.

(10) Cyrena Stark married William A. McCoskey in Vigo County, Indiana, on March 19, 1862. She was single and living with her mother, Phoebe (Stark) McGlone at the time of 1850 census.

(11) Mary Stark was living with her mother at the time of the 1850 census.

(12) Benjamin Franklin Stark died November 4, 1844, at the age of 14 years, in Vigo County, Indiana.

Some deed transfers as recorded in the office at Salem, Indiana:

(1) Elisha Stark and wife, Lucretia, to Jesse Watkins, May 26, 1820, section 23, Vernon Township.

(2) Elisha Stark and wife, Lucretia, to Jonathan Stout, from Spencer County, Kentucky, October 31, 1831, section 23, Vernon Township. Richard Kuberson, Justice of the Peace.

(3) Abraham Stark and wife, Sarah, to William Chastain, August 16, 1828, section 14, Vernon Township.

(4) Leineon Stark from Reuben Lucas, February 18, 1833, section 4, Franklin Township.

(5) Simeon Stark and wife, Priscilla, to James Sturdevant, August 14, 1834, section 4, Franklin Township.

(6) Abraham Stark and wife, Elizabeth, to Joseph Pound, April 3, 1838. section 9, 5 acres, Vernon Township.

(7) Asa Stark from John and Nancy Wood, January 23, 1822, section 11.

(8) Stephen Stark to William Lunsford in Shelby County,

Kentucky, March 23, 1823.

(9) Stephen Stark from Commissioners of Isaac Waggoner, deceased, February 20, 1823, Vernon Township.

(10) Stephen Stark to William Chastain, March 31, 1823, 20 acres, in section 22, Vernon Township.

(11) Benjamin Stark from Jesse Watkins, September 16, 1822, section 23, Vernon Township.

(12) Philip Stark from Richard Ruberson and wife, Jane, December 17, 1839, section 22, Vernon Township.

(13) Absalom, Sarah and Hannah Stark to Henry Banks, October 23, 1841, section 22, 60 acres, Vernon Township.

(14) Philip and Wife, Nancy Stark to Henry Banks, March 27, 1843, Vernon Township.

(15) Aaron and Matilda Stark to Christian Stark, April 5, 1845, section 23, Vernon Township.

(16) Christian Stark to Barnett Chastain, January 14, 1846, section 23, Vernon Township. Christian signs with fine legible hand.

(17) Richard Stark and wife, Eliza J. to Mason Martin, June 23, 1857, section 24, Vernon Township. Heirs of Barnett Chastain, Sr., deceased, undivided interest in his estate..

(18) Vineyard Stark from (Uncle) Alexander Purcell, January 7, 1837, Lot 28 in Claysville.

(19) Absalom Stark from (Uncle) Alexander Purcell, October 15, 1841, section 22, 60 acres, Vernon Township.

(20) Alsalom Stark and wife, Sarah, to Philip Stark, October 23, 1842, section 22, 2 acres.

(21) Barnett Stark and wife, Eliza J., heirs of Barnett Chastain, Sr., deceased, estate, January 22, 1857. Barnett Stark a grandson of Barnett Chastain, Sr., deceased. Sworn to before John Kirk, father of Eliza J. as interest in estate.

(22) James A. Stark and wife, Eliza, George Chastain and wife, Malinda, living in Martin County, Indiana, deeded land to Peter Chastain in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, December 31, 1858, in parts of sections 12 and 24. Deed acknowledged by Lewis R. Rogers, Clerk of Martin County.

(23) Barnett Stark and wife, Eliza J., to Dr. Royal B. Child, June 23, 1857, part of the estate of Barnett Chastain, Sr., deceased, Vernon Township.

(24) Vineyard Stark and wife, Susan, to William M. Vance, January 2, 1853, 39 acres, section 22, Vernon Township.

(25) Vineyard Stark and wife, Susan, to Dr. Royal B. Child, May 25, 1857, 100 acres in Vernon Township.

(26) Absalom Stark and wife, Sarah, to Vineyard Stark, May 5, 1849, Vernon Township, 80 acres.

(27) Absalom Stark and wife, Sarah, to George Chastain,
February 27, 1838, in Vernon Township, 20 acres, section 22.

SOME STARK MARRIAGES LISTED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

(1) Altha Stark	to William Lanning	February 117, 1817
(2) Nahlon Stark	- Sarah Manning	September 13, 1821
(3) Phoebe Stark	- Benjamin Stark	November 5, 1822
(4) Margaret Stark	- Nathaniel Noland	October 22, 1823
(5) Emily Stark	- Sandford Kendall	September 2, 1824
(6) Sarah Stark	to Samuel Hawley	August 26, 1824
(7) Desire Stark	- Nathan Howe	May 19, 1824
(8) James Stark	- Sarah Souder	June 24, 1827
(9) Stephen Stark	- Elizabeth Waggoner	August 2, 1827
(10) Phoebe Stark	- Joshua Kahan	February 25, 1830
(11) Jane Stark	- Thomas Marts	March 2, 1830
(12) Nancy Stark	- George Bazore	March 4, 1830
(13) Jacob Stark II	- Rebecca Chastain	June 23, 1831
(14) Nancy Stark	- John Crocket	August 5, 1830
(15) Sarah Lucy Stark	- Oliver Brewer	October 23, 1832
(16) Nancy Stark	- Philip Stark	March 5, 1834
(17) Cynthia Stark	- Barnett Chastain	June 10, 1834
(18) John P. Stark	- Elizabeth Applegate	December 29, 1835
(19) Enoch Stark	- Jane Waughtell	January 1, 1838
(20) Permelia Stark	to Jefferson Purris	March 4, 1839
(21) Vineyard Stark	- Susan Kester	October 25, 1840
(22) Jacob Stark II	- Catherine Wilson	October 22, 1851
(23) Hannah (Purcell) Stark	- Joseph Pound	November 12, 1845
(24) Eliab Stark	to Mary England	September 19, 1851
(25) Richard Stark	- Eliza J. Carl	October 21, 1851
(26) Barnett Stark	- Eliza J. Kirk	June 20, 1855
(27) Cozard Stark	- Margaret J. Boomer	October 8, 1846
(28) Susan Stark	- William Chastain	January 29, 1858
(29) Sarah A. Stark	- William Davis	February 15, 1860
(30) John A. Stark	- Malissa Hiatt	April 13, 1870
(31) James W. Stark	- Mattie J. Payne	January 30, 1873
(32) David Stark	- Lavina Chastain	February 14, 1884
(33) Amanda Stark	- Valentine Chastain	April 7, 1887
(34) Jacob Stark II	- Susan Carl	September 3, 1889
(35) Rebecca J. Stark	to David R. Loyd	March 8, 1879

NOTES ON THE SPELLING OF NAMES.

In searching court records, army records, and correspondence with different families, I find Burris spelled about five different ways. Some of later generations have it Burress on gravestones and receipts. The army records give two different spellings of the word. I am of the opinion that "Burris" is the more common form in use to-day.

Some Stark people that I have corresponded with have spelled it "Starks", "S₊arke", and "Strak". I am of the opinion that "Stark" is the usual spelling.

Many of the Stark families with other Pioneer families lived on or near the south fork of Lost River in Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana. One of the old trails known as the Beck's Mill and Claysville Trailway ran along this river where a great deal of trade was carried on. Not far from the source of Lost River, Jacob Stark, Sr., built one of the first mills. Near this mill was an old school house on George Bazole farm. A little farther down the river was the old Primitive Baptist Church, organized in 1816. Some of the early church leaders were: Rev. Abraham Stark and wife, Elisha Stark and wife, Stephen Stark, Elder Rice (Royse) McCoy, James McCoy, Elisha Carr, Joseph Pound, Jesse Elgin, Tyre Harris, Reuben Stout, Barnett Chastain and wife. In sight of the church house a short distance west was Stephen Stark's distillery in section 22. Some of my older relation who are now deceased, have told me the people then thought as much of making a periodical trip to the still house as to the grist mill. How strange it was that, although whiskey flowed freely, intemperance did not run riot in the land. Near the church was a brick kiln, where many bricks were made. The bricks were moulded by hands and tramped by horses feet, and put in the kiln to burn. Along with this were tanneries, water mills, saw mills, mill races, oil mills, and corduroy roads. When the trail reached the Claysville Road, it ran north to Middleton, now Claysville, where lots of trade was carried on before the Civil War. This trail then connected to Bono in Lawrence County, Indiana, and ran west into Orange County, Indiana.

Many remains of these old landmarks can still be seen as one travels along Lost River to-day. The story of the three pioneer people is a fascinating picture of the expansion and development of the country.

It is probable that the Stark families are all descended from those first families that came from Scotland to America. They settled in Connecticut, Virginia, Pennsylvania and other eastern states. Their children and grandchildren continued westward migrating with the advancing frontier. The story of the family is a fascinating picture of pioneer life and of the vital part played by this family in the expansion and development of the country, fighting its wars, subduing the wilderness, clearing and tilling the fields and establishing and maintaining its churches and schools. Having earlier moved into Kentucky, they first settled in Scott, Washington and Clark Counties in southern Indiana. With later generations other parts of Indiana are included, and many of the families moved farther west into Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, and other states in our country.

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Christopher Stark (my great, great grandfather, father of Stephen Stark (my great grandfather) was a soldier in the Revolution as also was Daniel Purcell, father of Hannah (Purcell) Stark. The service and identity of both have been approved for the Daughters of the American Revolution society.

Anderson Burris (my great grandfather), father of Jefferson Burris (my grandfather) was killed while in service in the War of 1812, on October 25, 1814, at Norfolk, Virginia. In 1853, Catherine Burris, widow of Anderson Burris, was residing in Washington County, Indiana, at which time she was 60 years of age.

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